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May 2, 1994

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Re: Scheduled Site Visit

Dear Mr. Lynn:

Bechtel Environmental, Inc. (BEI) is currently a contractor to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under EPA Contract No. 68-W9-0060. Pursuant to Section 104 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA or Superfund), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), and to Section 3007 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (RCRA), as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA), the EPA is conducting a nationwide inventory and screening of sites and facilities where hazardous substances may be located. Under the contractual relationship with the EPA, BEI is responsible for assisting the EPA in identifying and investigating such potential sites. The EPA has requested BEI to conduct a preliminary assessment (PA) of the Jervis B. Webb Co. site.

A PA is a limited-scope investigation of sites on the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Information System (CERCLIS) database. PA investigators collect readily available information, conduct a "walk around" of the site and its immediate environs, and interview the site representative. The PA is designed to distinguish between sites that pose little or no threat to human health and the environment and sites that require further investigation to make such a determination. The PA also identifies sites requiring assessment for possible emergency response actions.

As we discussed in our phone conversation on May 2, 1994 a site visit at the Jervis B. Webb Co. manufacturing shop at 9301 Rayo Ave. in South Gate, Calif. is scheduled for the following date and time:

Wednesday, May 25, 1994  
1:30 p.m.

Upon arrival at the site, I will produce a letter of introduction duly designating BEI to conduct a PA at the facility. I will take photographs and collect information about the site, which will be incorporated into the PA. After the site tour, I would like to meet with you to discuss the information requested by this letter.

Pursuant to applicable provisions of Section 104 of CERCLA; Section 3007 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA); Section 9 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act; Section 3 of the Toxic Substances Control Act; and Section 308 of the Clean Water Act, EPA hereby requests that you make the following information available to BEI at the time of the facility visit:

- Ownership and operational history of the site.
- Site plans, facility maps, and historical aerial photographs, if available, showing the locations of any hazardous substances, pollutant or contaminant, management activities, wells, buildings, drainage, and any other relevant features.



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- List of all hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants generated, stored, treated, transported from or disposed of at the facility, including dates and amounts, if known.
- Description of past and present waste management practices, including onsite generation, storage, treatment, disposal or removal of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants.
- Description of all onsite hazardous substances or pollutants and contaminant storage, treatment or disposal areas, including size, containment features, dates used, and amounts of materials stored, treated or disposed of.
- Description of any releases of hazardous substances to the environment, including dates and regulatory agency response to the releases, if any.
- Description of any environmental or public health regulatory or enforcement agency involvement at the facility.
- Description of all federal, state, and local permits held by the facility, include permit number, issuance and expiration dates. Also describe any occurrence of noncompliance with these permits.

Please see the accompanying Attachment A regarding confidential business information. If you wish to comment on the confidentiality of the information requested or the EPA's release of such confidential information to the public, you must do so in writing within five (5) days from your receipt of this letter. Submit any such comments to:

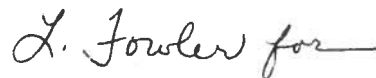
Thomas A. Mix  
Chief, Site Evaluation Section (H-8-1)  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105

As I will be out of the office from May 4 through May 23, please contact Lisba Fowler at (415) 768-1267 if you wish to discuss this letter or my upcoming visit. When I return, I may be reached at (415) 768-7188. Please feel free to invite anyone to the meeting and site visit who can provide the information requested above. You may also discuss this matter with Sandra Carroll, EPA Region IX Work Assignment Manager, at (415) 744-2348. I look forward to meeting with you.

Respectfully yours,



I-Pei Hsiu Hodge  
Site Leader



Catherine C. Walton  
Deputy Project Manager

Attachment

cc: CERCLA file

## Attachment A

Access to the information requested by EPA in the accompanying letter must be provided notwithstanding its possible characterization as confidential information or trade secrets. You may, if you desire, assert a confidentiality claim covering part or all of the information requested, pursuant to CERCLA Section 104 (e) and 40 C.F.R. Section 2.203(b), by attaching to such information at the time EPA's duly designated representative is provided access to such information, a cover sheet, stamped or typed legend, or some other suitable form of notice employing language such as "trade secret", "proprietary", or "confidential business information". Information covered by such a claim will be released by EPA or its representatives only to the extent authorized by CERCLA Section 104(e). If no such claim accompanies the information when it is released to EPA's duly designated representative, it may be made available to the public by EPA and its representatives without further notice to you. You should read the above-cited regulations carefully before asserting a business confidentiality claim, since certain categories of information are not properly the subject of such a claim.

The regulations of 40 CFR Section 2.211 preclude EPA employees from wrongfully using or disclosing any business information that was obtained during the performance of the employee's official duties. In addition, EPA employees must take all appropriate action to safeguard business information from improper disclosure. EPA employees who violate these requirements are subject to dismissal, suspension or fines. Criminal action may be taken against EPA employees who willfully disclose confidential business information. A contractor with EPA who obtains business information during execution of an EPA contract can disclose information only as allowed in the contract. EPA regulations on confidentiality in 40 CFR Part 2 Subpart B require that the contractor agree to the clause entitled, "Treatment of Confidential Business Information" before any confidential business information may be furnished to the Contractor.

This letter serves as notice to you, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Section 2.310(h), of the contemplated disclosure by EPA of the information at your facility relating to (1) any materials which have been or are generated, treated, stored, disposed of, or transported from the facility, and (2) your ability to pay for or to perform a cleanup. EPA plans to disclose this information to Bechtel Environmental, Inc. (BEI) under contract number 68-W9-0060; this disclosure is necessary in order for BEI to carry out the inspection of your facility, including document review and copying. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Section 2.310(h), you may submit comments to EPA on EPA's disclosure of confidential business information of its authorized representatives. Any comments on this contemplated disclosure must be submitted to EPA within 5 days of your receipt of this letter. Submit any such comments to:

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Failure to submit your comments in a timely manner shall not be cause for refusal to allow BEI access to the requested records.